

ACCESS CONTROL APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ELECTRONIC DEVICE

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

5 A switch for power gating is disposed between an electronic device and its
power source. The switch is controlled from a biometric reader that asserts a signal to the
switch when a biometric profile matches a stored biometric signature. The gating of the
power may thereby activate the electronic device. As the electronic device is isolated
10 from its power source pending a successful biometric verification, it is not possible to
circumvent the access control feature using the resources of the electronic device. Until
the biometric reader verifies a biometric profile, the electronic device remains in an
unpowered state.

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